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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN URGES U.S. SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL INITIATIVE
CONFERENCE

REF: (A) ASTANA 0037
(B) 08 ASTANA 1541

1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

2. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 7.

3. (SBU) SUMMARY: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) invited the Russian DCM and Political Officer to a meeting on February 9 to urge U.S. and Russia's support for Kazakhstan's proposal to host a Global Initiative to Counter Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) conference in Astana. MFA plans to host the conference of experts and policy-makers on or around April 7 so it could serve as a "springboard" for the April 12-13 Global Nuclear Security Summit (GNSS). While the MFA is working on the agenda and specific topics, Sadykov underlined that U.S. and Russian support were necessary before substantive planning could begin. Sadykov also sought U.S. and Russia's support for Kazakhstan's bid to join the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). END SUMMARY.

3. (SBU) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Director of the Multilateral Cooperation Department, Barlybay Sadykov, invited for a meeting the Russian DCM and Political officer to further discuss Kazakhstan's proposal to hold a Global Initiative to Counter Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) conference in Astana (ref A). During the February 9 meeting, Sadykov urged the U.S. and Russia, as GICNT co-chairs, to support the conference in principle and to "do so expeditiously to assure appropriate participation and representation of member states." The Russian DCM and Political Officer told Sadykov that Kazakhstan's proposal is under consideration in Moscow and Washington.

4. (SBU) Sadykov said the Kazakhstanis intends to hold the conference before the Global Nuclear Security Summit (GNSS), "on or around April 7." (NOTE: The MFA was initially flexible on the timing and amendable to holding the conference either before or after the GNSS (ref A). END NOTE.) He asserted that the conference could serve as "a springboard" for the GNSS. While GNSS would address the issue of nuclear terrorism from the global perspective, he opined, the Astana conference could focus on regional cooperation. Target participants would include "experts and political decision-makers" from agencies in capitals dealing with nuclear non-proliferation. Sadykov said the agenda and specific

topics should be ready within 10 days, but underlined that U.S. and Russian support were necessary before substantive planning could begin.

15. (SBU) Sadykov used this opportunity to seek U.S. and Russia's support for Kazakhstan's bid to join the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) (ref B). He stressed that U.S. and Russia are "members of authority whose voices carry weight." Sadykov allowed that the question of new members joining MTCR is "a nuanced, political question," but expressed hope that U.S. and Russia will support Kazakhstan "in the spirit of our strategic partnership."

16. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: Post would appreciate the Department's expeditious response to Kazakhstan's proposal of hosting a GICNT conference in Astana on April 7. We would also appreciate guidance on responding to Sadykov's request concerning the MTCR.

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